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Interscholastic to be Held.

A College meeting was secured last Wednesday and following the suggestion of the Advisory Board the question of holding an Interscholastic Meet was decided. Sentiment was somewhat unsettled, and while few were very anxious to repeat the meet this spring, the majority did not care to say that it should be dropped. As a compromise it was voted to continue the custom for this year, at least, with the understanding that the effect of Interscholastic Day be carefully noted, so that next year the College will be prepared to say definitely whether it is worth while or not.

The meet will be in the hands of a committee composed of Drummond, '06, chairman; Sicard, '06, Scoon, '07, Henderson, '08. If any men have suggestions as to schools that should be invited, or as to localities which this meet might help us to reach effectively, the committee is anxious to confer with them. The burden of the influence to be wielded by this Interscholastic Day rests with the undergraduate body, as individuals and as a mass. A fine field meet would be comparatively worthless, but personal contact and a thorough mixing of college men with the visitors may do great good.

Receipts from Gym. Show.

The manager of the Gym. Show has submitted his final report to the Advisory Board and announces a net profit from the performance of \$236.75, of which, as per agreement, Mr. Crossley receives one-fourth. This income is very welcome and will put the association in good condition for the coming year. The management deserves the congratulations and thanks of the college body. A general statement follows:

Total receipts.....\$454 55
Total expenditures..... 236 75

Balance.....\$217 80
To Mr. Crossley..... 54 20

Turned over to Athletic Ass'n...\$163 60

A Sophomore Victory.

For the third time in its eventful career the Sophomore Basket-ball Team won a victory. However, they are not unduly puffed-up and wear their laurels of victory as gracefully and unassumingly as they ever carried a defeat. The beaten team was Johnstown High School and the occasion was one of revenge for a defeat administered by that team. However, the Sophomores more than evened things up by beating them 56 to 16. The game started out by a basket for Johnstown and then a foul. Then 1908 evened things up and for most of the half neither side had the advantage. However, towards the last the Sophomores drew away and the half ended 18 to 11 in their favor. In the second half things went with a rush. 1908 passed to perfection and Smith or Jones scored whenever they got the ball. The play was all in Johnstown's territory in this half on account of the superior floor work of the Sophomores. Smith and Jones played well for 1908 while Hansen and Hager were best for Johnstown. The line-up:

Sophomores 56. Johnstown H. S. 16

	Right Forward.	
Jones,		Kilmer
	Left Forward.	
Bate, Joraleman.		Hager
	Center.	
Smith.		Hansen
	Right Guard.	
Meeks.		Riptan
	Left Guard.	
Henderson		Parker

Goals—Smith 7, Jones 9, Bate 4, Weeks 1, Henderson 4, Joraleman 2, Hansen 1, Kilmer 2, Hager 2, Parker 2. Fouls—Kilmer 2.

Referee—Sicard, '06. Umpire—Mc-Martin. Timers—Hoffman, '05, Williams, '08. Halves, 20 minutes.

—"More copy is needed for the literary part of the Hamiltonian," is the constant cry of the Board.

Basket-ball.

Basket-ball for 1906 is over, and with the close of this season one of the best teams we have ever put on the floor passes into history. They played a hard schedule and played it well. Never before have we met Trinity, Wesleyan or Dartmouth in basket ball, and even thought we did not win from them all, we played a most creditable game against them. We succeeded in defeating Rochester on her own floor, as well as in our Gym., a thing not accomplished since 1906 entered College. Altogether we scored 517 points against our opponents' 342.

Several experiments were tried this season, and with success. This is the first season we have been systematically coached through the entire term. It is also the first time any attempt has been made at keeping a table. The trip into New England was somewhat experimental, but it resulted successfully. We defeated Trinity, played Wesleyan to a standstill, and lost to Williams in a clean, fast, and very satisfactory game. Besides, the manager made a little money. But the best thing about it was that we made a good impression in New England, which is worth more than victories or money to us as a college.

The great disappointment of the season was the Dartmouth game. It was so in three ways: First, we were surprised at the kind of a game Dartmouth played. Their creed seems to be, "win at any cost." The fact that they played a man under an assumed name because of complications with their own Faculty, does not speak well for their sportsmanship. Using a substitute player as an official, and a very prejudiced one he was, seems to bear out their inordinate desire to win. In both of these things they would have done better for their reputations to follow some other course of action. Secondly, the support from the college, if such it can be called, was unprece-

dented. Fifty admissions amply covers it. The less said about such things the better, but we ought to hide our heads with shame to be forced to such a confession. The third disappointment grows from this. We lost money, when, had the College alone supported the team, leaving Utica entirely out of consideration, we ought to have made money.

But for all this the management is still solvent. The expense of the season exceeds any previous season on record, but the support at every game except that with Dartmouth was excellent.

Every credit is due to Coach Watson and Captain Sherman for the hard, consistent work they have done and all praise is due to the men who worked so faithfully with them. We shall miss "Bram," Sicard, LeMunyan and "Tommy" next year, but there is plenty of good material in College, and with the men in Kuolt's hands, 1907 should have a winning team.

Sore Heads 14, Job Lots 10.

The basket ball season of 1906 died a horrible death last Monday night. In a game of—well, we won't name it—the Sore Heads defeated the Job Lots by a score of 14 to 10. Before proceeding further with our account the thought seizes us that there is need to enlighten our kind readers on the nature of the game. The participants called it basket-ball; judging from some of the suits it was baseball; looking at it from the brutality side it was football; and all over the floor it was push-ball. For anyone with a "grouch" on it was medicine-ball. So much for the nature of the game. As to the players doubtless the least said the better. There was Captain Bennett with as motley a crew as ever sailed the Spanish Main, and as black-hearted. They were the Job Lots. Then there was Dutch Kuolt, with his puerile mob of Sore Heads—to describe the same our language fails. The game was scheduled, according to the Job Lot's custom, just two hours before time to play, and there was a lively hustle to get together an aggregation to uphold the fame of the Job Lots, seemingly so-called because they had neither the "geld" nor the credit to get into the Junior Whist Club theatre party. As there was considerable short skating developed in the ranks, Captain Kuolt had to enlist the services of three under-

classmen, who were kindly allowed to do the bulk of the work.

After a long and unsuccessful attempt to obtain the line-up of the teams your humble narrator gave up in despair, as none of the players knew on which team they were playing or in what position. Special praise is due to Stryker, Bennett, Cody and Kuolt, who when they found they couldn't shoot for one basket were perfectly willing to shoot for the other. The fact that this occasionally necessitated a run of half the floor formed no obstacle, and in fact it didn't have to, as Holley was usually on the ground with a deft tackle that made you think of the balmy days of football brutality. Although it was not announced that the amateur rules would govern any incidental wrestling matches, everybody but the referee noticed quite a few such bouts, although the rules weren't much in evidence.

Kuolt was a pillar of strength for the Sore Heads. That is he was usually standing still. Occasionally a feeble attempt to take the ball away from his opponent would call forth a shower of condemnation from the officials. The officials had their hands full, of the "makings" usually, except when Kuolt managed to get hold of the ball. Then they would stop their confab long enough to call anywhere from one to a dozen fouls on the "Dutchman" for rough work. Finally the wrath of the gods broke loose and Kuolt was put out of the game for unnecessary roughness and the use of indecent language, which consisted in saying "fudge" to George Sicard, who played referee on both teams. LeMunyan, in his capacity as umpire, refused to see his teammate so insulted and promptly called forty-eight fouls on Kuolt and put him out of the game. This put a quietus on the "Dutchman" for a while, until he finally turned himself into a cheering section and conducted the yelling for the Sore Heads. "Bill" Cody surprised the onlookers by being apparently out of breath at several stages of the game. This unusual spectacle for "Bill," who is always in training, caused considerable comment, and at the suggestion of some kindly friend, likewise at said friend's expense, "Bill" recovered himself by the administration of a cigarette between the halves. Captain Bennett was not much in evidence, his sylph-like form being frequently hidden beneath a struggling mass of humanity, occasioned by the rule that not less than four men must be on

the ball at a time. "Bill" Bloyer played a strong game for his opponents. After the battle had waged merrily and to no purpose for half an hour, Drummond called the first half. It is reported that he did so on a promise from "Bill" Cody to set him up at Madame's. The second half proved sensational, and as a combination of football and basket-ball showed how effectual the wrong thing in the right place can be. Wearying of the turmoil and thirsty for his set-up, Drummond called time in six minutes. Yells were given, and 'tis said that even the Job Lots went to bed that night with sore heads.

Louis Ehret's Music.

The New York *Sun* says of Louis J. Ehret, '04, who takes part in "The Conspirators," a musical comedy presented by the students of Columbia University:

"Of the male characters, Louis J. Ehret, author of the music, is undoubtedly the most striking. Ehret is able to produce Dutch dialect in every one of its phases, and possesses all the necessary adjuncts of a stout, good-natured and much-abused German.

"He figures as Hans Blauderplatz, an inventor of airships which sail over Central Park in the most up-to-date manner. Armed with the thundering name, he goes through the play as an imposter, assuming the role of another character in it, Underwood Van Twiller, a millionaire with two pretty daughters and a dandified son.

"Ehret is an old-timer at German dialect representations. He began his career as an undergraduate of Hamilton College, where he gained such fame that annually he is called upon to return to the College and give representations.

"He entered Columbia in 1904 to study engineering, but gave that up in favor of law. Playwrights at Columbia have come to respect his prowess in his particular field so much that all plays submitted in the annual competition make provision for a German comedian, in anticipation of Ehret's appearance in the part.

"Ehret's music, too, is making a big hit among the students. The best of the songs are 'My Little Coney Isle,' 'The Bogie Man,' 'I Know a Thing or Two' and 'The Windlass and the Bell Buoy.' The tunes of these are catchy and have become well known among the students through the members of the chorus, who are continually humming them."

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THE PRESENT SYSTEM of collecting funds for the athletic teams is unsatisfactory and we are of the opinion that the college body will concur in this statement. We object to it because it is a disagreeable task for a manager or assistant manager to travel around and see all the men in College to ask them to give of their means. Did you ever see a manager who enjoyed or even professed to have a shadow of a joy in doing this?

Then the chapel meetings for raising funds by making men give more than they can afford—they have been a necessary evil which must be removed. In them there is too much enthusiasm and too little common sense.

What we would like to propose is that each man in college be assessed a like sum and that this be paid on the term bills. For instance, have the tax three dollars per man fall term, one dollar winter term, and two dollars spring term. The objection will be urged that there are men in college who can afford to give more, and a tax of six dollars will come pretty heavy on some men.

The fact that a man pays six dollars athletic tax does not preclude him from giving more if he cares to do so. On the other hand an equal tax would give us all an equal chance in athletics. A

man doesn't feel very pleasant when he looks at the bulletin-board some morning and notices that his subscription of three dollars is placed next to the ten dollar subscription of another man.

Under the system of an athletic tax the managers would know just how much money they could depend upon from the student body. There would be an inestimable gain in this fact alone.

We doubt if six dollars per man would be any greater drain on any man than the present heterogeneous one. Of course we believe that athletics are becoming too much of a business or financial enterprise and too little a sport. But that is aside from the question. Whatever the expense of athletics a general tax would fill the exchequer more satisfactorily and with less unpleasantness than the present system.

✓ WHEN THE COLLEGE COMMONS was built it was proposed that a bowling alley be put in the basement. The building has had sufficient time to settle and dry out. Now seems like the proper time to put an alley in. Surely it would be patronized by the students and would afford an excellent form of recreation. The Commons is more than large enough for two good alleys.

A STRONG TENDENCY to ignore certain long established college customs in dress has of late been noticed among scores of the Sophomores. To prescribe as to what a man shall wear upon an occasion is not to be attempted by any group of individuals. A man knows, or thinks he does, what looks best on him, and as a citizen of a free country naturally believes it one of his inalienable privileges to dress according to his own taste and the size of his pocketbook.

Notwithstanding, a Sophomore is a Sophomore and should appear and act like one. The fact that he is with an upperclassman does not make him one. Good, sensible customs, well and consistently upheld, are among the things that lend distinctiveness to a college. We have a few of them left, or remnants of them, which it is highly displeasing to see violated. The underclassman who openly and deliberately does things that have long been tabooed is iconoclastic in spirit and will bear watching.

THE LITERARY CONTROVERSY which has found expression in these columns has been of great interest. For ourselves, we do not believe that realism of treatment is sufficiency of motive. Nor do

we accept motive as the sum total of required excellence. Art is not life, nor life, art. When life finds its complete expression, artistic and realistic, in literature, we have a masterpiece. Its creator is a genius. We are pessimistic enough to hold that this combination is rare. Let us be content with one component when we lack the sum. *L'Art pour l'art; la vie pour la vie!* Our French is bad, but what of it and who cares. Everything is good in its place. It takes as good a man to paint a house well as it does to lay a firm cellar wall. And the joke of it is that the tyro can always criticize the master. What's the difference anyway; the world is always standing on its head for the other half. Take it easy and be thankful for small favors. Literary criticism is a quagmire of disgruntlement and dissatisfaction.

DISSATISFACTION WAS RIFE in many camps after the Gym Show. Some of the Faculty were kind enough to let the fellows down easy the day after and some recitations were changed on the day of the show so that the fellows could get to Ute without cutting. Other recitations however were rigorously held and flunks were frequent. It would seem no more than fair, if the Faculty cannot cut at such a time, that a lecture or a little easement in the work would not be out of place.

At present the College relies almost entirely on the efforts of the undergraduates for advertisement and the securing of men. Such an affair as the Gym Show or Interscholastic Day or even the Glee Club trips are not unalloyed pleasure for the participants. They mean hard work and not a man in College would personally object to their abolition. But the undergraduates realize that on them rests the burden of getting men for the College. Such being the case the powers that be might help not a little by adjusting work at such a time so that no reviews hamper or even by giving a nine o'clock cut or lecture. It is practically impossible for a man to have his work out on the day after Gym Show or Interscholastic. A little judicious reckoning would enable the professors to accommodate the students mightily in the matter.

Another Viewpoint.

To the Editor of Life:

"Fruits fail, and love dies, and time ranges; and only the whippersnapper (that fool of Time) endureth forever."

When over one-half of your editorial page is given over to such a belligerent article as "One Viewpoint," some kind of a rejoinder is doubtless expected. Who its censor is the *Lit.* knows not, nor greatly cares; nor does it object to the wisdom of the somewhat ponderous preface of last Saturday's criticism, much of which sounds like a crib from less anonymous pens. But it does wish to say a few words regarding the remarks addressed to it further along in this same piece of writing, the *casus belli* being that said remarks are unwarranted and uncalled for.

Some time ago a story called "The Precipice" was submitted to the *Lit.*, and having been duly read by the six members of the board, was accepted without a dissenting voice. While acknowledged to be rather out of the general run of college stories, it was considered well written and somewhat above the average in merit.

Our critic, however, pronounces the story "simply trash—a cheap, tawdry description of a phase of life which has no existence anywhere, with a climax as absurd as it is mawkish." This may be true; but unfortunately he robs his opinion of all weight by asking in the same breath, "what defense can the *Lit.* offer for publishing a favorable criticism of Sir Richard Calmady?" It is a fact that the *Lit.* did print an article several months ago in which appreciative mention was made concerning this work. The book is one which many eminent readers still continue to regard as no small literary achievement. No defence will be forthcoming, as no earthly reason for a defence exists.

Having gained this much insight into the mental make-up of the anonymous author of "One Viewpoint," it is hard to treat seriously the rest of his tirade. He writes like a man who is living in an intellectual rut, whose intolerance is only equalled by his lack of discernment. He should remember that caustic remarks and gratuitous sarcasms are double-edged weapons, and as a rule are merely the hall-marks of a disordered liver. The sooner he changes his present mental attitude the happier he will find himself; for to be ever on the watch for something unclean is not a laudable occupation.

We suspect that the "tainted stuff" exists more in his own mind than elsewhere, and we would suggest the same figurative application to his cerebral structure that he advises for the pages of the *Lit.*

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College Notes.

—Hawley, '02, spent Sunday on the Hill.

—Every crowd reports sleds missing. Someone has got in his work after curfew.

—H. H. Getman, '79, of Kansas City, Mo., spent last Sunday with his son, Getman, '09.

—The Freshmen have ordered their class caps. Here's hoping they don't get stuck as badly as 1908.

—Professor Nichols is improving slowly and it is hoped that he will be able to meet his classes next term.

—Something should be done about the Chapel organ. Its groans and snores are becoming monotonous.

—Sittig is learning to negotiate the Hill. Our advice is, let him alone, steer clear of him, live and let live.

—"Dribbles" calls Roenke, '09, "Roankey," while "Bugs," with even keener perception, calls him "Rank."

—After having their picture taken the D. T.'s have adjourned for this term. They are stirring up wrath for days to come.

—"Square" picked a fight with the Freshmen Tuesday morning. "Square" secured a nominal victory in the fifth round.

—Last Sunday Prof. Davenport preached in the First Presbyterian Church in Utica, both morning and evening.

—"Sister" Rudd has found her work in this world. It is to purify. She has begun on Woolcott, surely a big field of operation.

—"Bib" took forty-five minutes the other day to explain to the Sophomores in a few words why his course should be elected. We haven't heard the why yet.

—Some of the Sophomores have suggested putting sawdust around the flag-pole. They went through the flag-mud row last spring, and know what it is.

—Everyone went to Utica sometime this week to get a last fond glance at life before bidding the world a fond farewell, preparatory to the joys of "exam. week."

✓ —It is the earnest wish of those who live in Carnegie and North, that the ash heap connecting the two buildings be attended to. At present it is useless and unsightly.

—Only one more "Gym." for the Sophomores. As they have an examination in German Friday and need Thursday to bahn up, they are hoping for a cut from "Uncle."

—"Ed." Root, '05, according to the newspapers, is on the thorny road to cowboy expertness on the Coleman-Fulton ranch in Texas. "Ed." has learned rapidly and already commands respect from the old stagers.

✓ —Babcock—that is the librarian—refused to believe that such a man as Cady Allen was in college till Cady took that unfortunate cut the other day and thus got his name on the "Ghost's" black list.

—Hawley, '02, has accepted a position as instructor in the Utica Free Academy at a liberal salary. Since his graduation he has held a position in North Adams, Mass. He will commence his new duties on April 1st.

—"Prex" is developing some strong speakers among the Sophomores. Considered from some viewpoints the present divided chapel system has its merits. Unquestionably the "horsing" that a Freshman got from the Sophomores under the old plan was very effective, but for actual results from drill the old arrangement is not comparable with a year of the "iron drill" under "Prex." A combination of the two is what is required to make the most of the course.

—"Hank" showed considerable good sense on Wednesday by sweeping from the gallery four rather boisterous Sophomores. They returned later, however, reinforced by the whole class, but so meek and chastened that they were strangely inoffensive.

—The Freshmen held a class meeting, which lasted the customary (with 1909) two hours and talked over class caps and canes. The requirements for the wearing of class numerals will be the same as those in force in 1908. The matter of canes was put on the table, (i. e., the pulpit).

—The class of '09 may lack spirit, but no one can accuse them of slowness or inefficient foresight. The Freshman Frolic committee has already been selected and have held one meeting. It is composed of McLean, chairman, Stone, Felt, Gooding, Spencer, Plumb, Wilson, Marriott, and Baum.

—After the game Friday night the Sophomore team adjourned to the Psi U. House where the manager set up a little feed. After singing and eating a while, the team elected Walter Jones as captain for next year, Weeks having resigned. Williams was nominated to the class for reelection as manager.

—According to the mathematical department, applied trigonometry will not be on the schedule next term. That leaves only one similar two-hour subject, systematic botany, which conflicts with German. However, it has been that way for seven years, says the Faculty, so the logical thing will not be done and things will go on in the old way.

—Tennis is slowly rounding into prominence again with the approach of the season. Captain Sicard is the only holder of a tennis "H" in College, and Sherman, Day, and Simmons are the only others who have played on the team in any match. Around these as a nucleus, the tennis team will be built. The good material is reported in 1909.

Musical Clubs' Election.

The Glee and Mandolin Clubs posed for Gibbon last Saturday afternoon. Immediately after the picture was taken the elections were held. Tripp, '07, was unanimously chosen leader of the Mandolin Club. Simmons, '08, was elected Glee Club leader. The occasion was made merry by Gibbon who produced some of his very oldest chestnuts to toast in the heat of public approval.

Incidentally Gibbon got off the only good crack that the present college generation has heard from him. When advised by Drummond, "in true Drummonian style" as Sicard, "the professional jokester of the Glee and Instrumental Clubs, especially the instrumental" would say, to buy a new joke book and bohn it up, Gibbon achieved the complete discomfiture of the embarrassed editor by coming back, "Sure, I'm going to take LIFE."

The seance was a general success and everybody save the anxious candidates for office had a good time. Gibbon is getting a large part of the College business this year and is doing pretty good work. The Jacob's ladder to his sky parlor is a peril to life and limb, but his feast of wit and wisdom almost compensates.

The "Sun" Criticises.

The New York *Sun*, in a somewhat lengthy article on Hamilton College athletics and trainers—an article in general rather commendatory than otherwise—speaks as follows of the somewhat unpleasant rosin episode at the Syracuse basket-ball game:

"In connection with Hamilton there was an interesting incident growing out of the basket-ball game between Hamilton and Syracuse not so long ago. There was to be a dance after the game, which took place in the Hamilton gymnasium. The Hamilton people had the floor waxed, a condition which is apt to be disconcerting to basket-ball players in ordinary gymnasium shoes. That had been done once before when Syracuse played Hamilton, so that the visitors were prepared for the contingency. They brought along a supply of powdered rosin and sprinkled it carefully over the floor so that the slipperiness of the boards was rendered ineffective.

"Then they went ahead and defeated Hamilton. Strangely enough the Hamilton people felt as if they had a grievance and that Syracuse had taken unfair advantage of them in sprinkling enough rosin on the floor to make the thing a square deal. For that reason the comments of the College journals are illuminating."

The *Sun* quotes also the editorial articles appearing in the Syracuse *Orange* and in *LIFE* on the two sides of the question. Their foot-note to *LIFE*'s editorial is: "There is a question as to whether or not this paragraph is ironical."

Y. M. C. A. Notes.

The annual meeting of the Y. M. C. A. was held in Silliman Hall Thursday night. Reports were given by the different members of the cabinet. These reports revealed a steady progress in the work of the respective departments as well as the initiative steps in new fields. The Y. M. C. A. under the Vicinity Work department has sent out about 20 speakers during this year, as well as furnished two men for regular Bible study teachers off the Hill. The association has a larger percentage of membership compared with the College enrollment than in former years. The average attendance has been larger. Ninety-nine dollars has been pledged in a systematic giving scheme and this is to be used to help the Y. M. C. A. movement, especially by sending larger delegations to important conferences. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year and will take up their duties in spring term: President, Scoon, '07;

vice-president, Trippe, '07; treasurer, Weeks, '08; secretary, Aron, '09. After the meeting a short social gathering was held in the cabinet room and apples were passed by the social committee.

At 5 o'clock p. m. tomorrow the Nashville delegate will report the recent Student Volunteer Convention.

March 25, it is expected that Dr. Root will speak at the regular meeting. This is the last meeting of the present administration.

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